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HAVING RADIALY EXTENDING
GROOVES

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 20, 2006, in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

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